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FANCHER CREEK NURSERY

FRESNO CITY, FRESNO CO.

CALIFORNIA.

Another planting season being at hand, we wish to call the attention of our patrons and friends to some plants of unusual merit, which we are able to offer.

Our stock has never been finer and our trees never healthier than at present, and we feel confident that what we offer will give satisfaction even to the most fastidious.

This circular is intended to precede our yearly catalogue, which also will be sent you on application, and its smaller volume enables us to reach distant customers earlier. If you are interested in fruit culture or in ornamental plants, send for our **Yearly Catalogue**, our **Circular on Fig Culture**, or our **Pamphlet on the Fig, its Culture and Curing.**

The two former will be sent you gratis; the latter, of which only a few copies remain, upon remittance of ten cents.

FRUIT TREES.

Our Fruit Treesare this season of highest quality, neither too large nor too small. We caution our patrons against planting very large overgrown trees, which have been forced by too much irrigation. Such trees are generally sappy, not well wooded and the lower eyes which should be the most reliable are generally blind. Our trees are grown in sandy soil, and are well furnished with fibrous roots. Of

APPLES, PEARS, PEACHES, NECTARINES AND APRICOTS,

We grow all the leading varieties, as well as many novelties, all of which will be described in our catalogue.

We call especial attention to the fine new **white** peach called **Lyons Cling,** as being a novelty of great value. For other novelties, rare and valuable peaches, see our catalogue.

The fruit canning business which for two seasons had been considered overdone, has this year taken a new start, with firm and high prices for fruit, enabling the fruit grower to realize handsomely from small investments. The cause of this sudden and welcome change is principally the result of the introduction of the **new process** of **canning** by the **Wheeler Fruit Packing Company.** By this method the fruit raiser is enabled to preserve his fruit in the orchard, and with small additional outlay he can put up an article vastly superior to that of the large stationary canneries.

PLUMS.

The **Kelsey Japan Plum** is now taking the lead. It is a splendid shipping plum, of real plum flavor, large size, fine color, fine shape, and the tree, besides being a splendid bearer, is not subject to the **red spider,** so injurious to other plums. This plum will grow in localities where other plums are a failure. In the Southern States, we think it will be **the favorite plum.**

For localities too distant to receive plants by express or freight, we grow of this plum small trees, that can be sent by mail, at **50 cents each.** Give them a trial.

ALMONDS.

The new almonds originated by A. T. Hatch and Mr. Drake of Suisun, California, are now the only ones worth planting. They give large crops of fine nuts, year after year, when the old **Languedoc** and the **Sultana** fail. Almond culture is again reviving in California, and large profits are now realized by the almond growers. For description of the new varieties we offer, see our catalogue.

CHESTNUTS.

We have a fine assortment of these trees. We can send small plants by mail to distant localities outside of California. The chestnut, especially the French and Italian varieties, are fine bearers of profitable crops, provided they are headed low. If trimmed high they will sunburn readily and will not bear. Trees by freight or mail.

WALNUTS.

Besides the common varieties, we offer now for the first time, **Hinds Paper Shell.** This walnut is of large size, very even and smooth, and the shell is very thin and can readily be crushed between the fingers. But the principal quality of the

tree is its early bearing. We have seen trees 3 years from the seed loaded with nuts. In this respect the tree surpasses all other nut trees, even the Proeperturiens. The **Hinds** is of California origin.

Walnuts must be planted when small, if possible when one year old. If older, the tap-root will not grow out again and the top of the tree instead of growing upward will flop down, and the tree becomes unsightly in the highest degree, will be stunted and short lived. Plants of the **Hinds** and the **Proeperturiens** can be sent by mail to parties outside of California. Of the **Hinds** we have only yearling trees.

FIGS.

As the principal varieties of the figs we grow are mentioned in our special fig circular, we need not mention them here to any extent. The excellence of our new figs is now well known. For dried figs we have received **special diplomas** wherever they have been exhibited and the diplomas can be seen in our office in Fresno.

Besides the drying of figs, we predict that the canning and the pickling of figs will be a most important industry. All of the Eastern and Northern States are open for this market. The excellence of canned figs is such that no great effort is necessary to introduce them everywhere, where figs cannot be grown. As to the enormous profits of fig culture, we can judge from the bearing qualities of the varieties. When half a ton to one ton of fruit can be realized from a single tree, when full grown, and when 65 to 100 trees can be grown on one acre, it will be seen that our expectations may be fully realized.

The **Adriatic** fig is yet at the head as the finest flavored, the sweetest, the fig with the thinnest skin and the most abundant bearer of all.

For other varieties see our Circular and Catalogue. As to prices and sizes of trees our **Catalogue** supersedes the fig circular, as we have found that we cannot possibly send trees by mail of the size stated in the **Fig Circular.** The mailing size of figs is necessarily small, though the trees are well ripened, woody and have fine roots.

POMEGRANATES.

The pomegranates are fine fruits, which stand shipment to the East. They are sure to become paying crops, and will be generally cultivated for shipment. As we have fully described our new varieties as well as commented upon the desirability of their culture in our catalogue, we beg to refer all interested to the same.

OLIVES.

We are paying much attention to olive growing, not only raising the trees with the object of supplying planters, but are also olive growers ourselves.

We are testing some 20 kinds imported from Italy, Spain and France. We offer this year the two finest Spanish varieties, viz. the **Manzanillo,** the large **queen olive** of Spain, and the **Nevadillo,** the finest Spanish olive for oil. Both these varieties make with us a remarkably fine growth, and we can recommend them as being the very best that can possibly be planted. We offer only small plants this season. Some of the same can be sent by mail at 75 cents each, or $65 for 100, postage prepared by us. For other varieties see our catalogue.

THE MELLON SHRUB OR PEPINO.

Of this new and valuable plant some large plantations have been lately established in several places in California near the Coast. For further information see our **Catalogue** and **Circular.**

THE SABALKANSKY GRAPE

Is holding its own as the finest of all table and shipping grapes. Bunches and grapes are very large, of a brilliant reddish mahogany, and flavor very fine. Growth of grape vine very heady. This grape is destined to be one of the most extensively cultivated for shipments fresh.

ORNAMENTAL DEPARMENT.

THE TEXAS UMBRELLA TREE is now considered the finest of all shade tree for this Coast. It is a rapid grower and in shade exactly like an enormous **umbrella,** with the upper surface as smooth and round, as even the skillfullest gardener could not possibly form it. The leaves are feathery and dark green. In spring the tree is covered with fragrant lilac colored flowers. The shade under this tree is the most dense possible. Upon the receipt of 50 cents, we will mail you a large photograph of one of our fine trees, 5 years old from planting.

We have trees of different sizes: mailing size at 25 cents; larger trees, 5 feet high and over, from $1 to $2.50 each.

Plant a few umbrella trees outside of your residence, it will make your place worth $100 more for each tree set out.

ROSES.

We are confident our roses are fully equal to the very best that can be had anywhere. Our assortment comprises all the varieties that will give satisfaction, selected from varieties old as well as new. We are making rose growing a specialty, having studied the roses, their varieties and habits for years. Our endeavor has been to keep the roses true to name, and our customers can fully rely upon the names and labels we send out.

Our roses are all grown **on their own roots,** do not throw out wild suckers, as budded roses do, and as long as they live are true to name. We especially call the attention of all rose lovers to our hedge roses. We grow **La France** and **Madame Charles Wood** for this purpose. The former is to many the finest rose in the world; the latter is unsurpassed for brilliancy of color and freedom of bloom, and is of a dense compact habit. To dealers we offer liberal terms. They will find our roses to give great satisfaction. All our roses are grown in open ground; in the spring however we have a few large pot plants to offer. Our catalogue will give full particulars. It is scientifically arranged, according to color, and describes the various tribes and families of roses. Send for the same.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

We grow a most beautiful collection of these fine fall flowering plants. No one who has not seen the new and fine novelities of this class, can comprehend their beauty. We consider them in many respects equal to the roses in beauty. No garden can be complete without them.

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